



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the Vet Center program, was established as "Operation Outreach" in 1979, and is the first program specifically dedicated to counsel combat veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Vet Center program was first established in Pocatello to serve veterans returning from war who were in need of counseling services; and

WHEREAS, the Vet Center program, also known as the Department of Veterans Affairs' Readjustment Counseling Service, continues to provide quality services to Idaho's veterans; and

WHEREAS, over fourteen thousand Idaho veterans have used these services in the last twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the Vet Center is open to all veterans who served in a recognized war zone who have experienced trauma while on active duty in the U.S. military; and

WHEREAS, the Vet Center is currently preparing to provide assistance to Idaho's men and women actively serving in Iraq;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 14th, 2005, to be

VETERAN READJUSTMENT COUNSELING SERVICES DAY

in Idaho, to commemorate twenty-five years of services.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE